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REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 12-18 are pending.

Claims 12-18 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 5-11 of co-pending Application No. 10/097,403. The claims of both applications have been amended, however, rendering moot the rejection.

Claims 12-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nishino, 6,233,452 (Nishino). Applicants traverse as follows.

In the communication method of the present invention, internet connection information is obtained from a plurality of public line connecting devices, the connection information being stored in advance in a database of respective public line carriers. The connection information includes information about access points (APs). Then, when a mobile terminal seeks connection to the internet, the connection information stored in the database can be obtained from the carrier, the best-suited carrier lines and providers can be determined on the basis of the obtained connection information, and the mobile terminal can be connected to the internet.

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According to the primary reference to Nishino, AP information of the provider as to the respective base stations is stored in the terminal apparatus seeking connection. Then, when the connection with a wireless base station is implemented, the identifier CS-ID of the base station is acquired to obtain local AP information, and in turn the telephone number of the nearest AP.

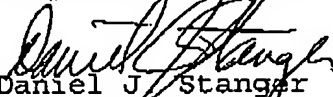
Nishino thus discloses the connection from the fixed carrier to the specified provider. However, Nishino does not disclose the technique of the present invention for connecting from the mobile terminal to the plurality of carriers or the plurality of providers by selection. More particularly, Nishino does not disclose a database provided in each carrier, such that a communicable public line is detected, information about access points of an internet provider is obtained from a plurality of detected public line connecting devices, and internet provider connection information and connectable public line information are obtained from the plurality of detected public line connecting devices to connect from the public line to said internet provider, wherein the internet provider connection information is stored in advance in the database as to respective carriers of public lines.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

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